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FOLLOWING REPEAT ANKARA 8357 ACTION SECSTATE 14 NOV 77

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y - (TEXT)

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SUBJECT: U. S. TURKISH RELATIONS

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1. AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 14 AMBASSADOR PROPOSED MEETING OF U.S.
AND TRUK EXPERTS TO ELEKDAG AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL. ELEKDAG
REPLIED THAT GOT HAD BEEN WORKING ON CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM

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BUT HAD NOT YET COORDINATED WITH DENKTASH. THEREFORE, HE WAS
SENDING TULUMEN AND GUVENDIREN TO CYPRUS OVER NOVEMBER 23-26
VACATION PERIOD TO CLARIFY AND COORDINATE CONSTITUTIONAL
ISSUES AND OTHER STEPS. THERE HAD ALREADY BEEN PRELIMINARY
DISCUSSION WITH DENKTASH DURING HIS OCTOBER 19 VISIT TO ANKARA
BUT THIS WAS INSUFFICIENT. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS ON THE ISLAND
THERE WOULD NEED TO BE FURTHER HIGH-LEVEL CONSIDERATION IN ANKARA

THEN, HE PROPOSED, TULUMEN AND GUVENDIREN WOULD GO TO BRUSSELS IN ADVANCE OF THE DECEMBER 8 NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING (ABOUT DECEMBER 6) FOR DISCUSSION WITH THEIR AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS. HE DID NOT FEEL TURK SIDE COULD BE PREPARED ANY SOONER.

2. AMBASSADOR REPLIES THAT, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, HE THOUGHT THIS WAS REASONABLE AND MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ALL POSSIBLE REASONS FOR WASHINGTON'S PREFERRED EARLIER MEETING. OBVIOUSLY DISCUSSIONS COULD NOT BE VERY USEFUL UNTIL MATTERS HAD BEEN COORDINATED WITH DENKTASH. HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY TELEGRAPH TURK PROPOSED TIMETABLE TO WASHINGTON. ELEKDAG INTERJECTED THAT THIS WAS NOT TO BE "NEGOTIATION" BUT THAT TULUMEN AND GUVENDIREN WOULD BE CARRYING AN OUTLINE OF AN INDEPENDENT, BIZONAL, BICOMMUNAL FEDERATION OF CYPRUS TO DISCUSS WITH THE AMERICANS. AMBASSADOR SAID THIS ACCORDED WITH OUR OWN VIEW.

3. ELEKDAG ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF DCA HEARINGS. ESENBEL HAD JUST REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON THAT HE UNDERSTOOD HEARINGS COULD NOT START UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 20. TURKS WERE CLEARLY BOTHERED BY THIS AND FELT THIS REPRESENTED TOO LONG A GAP BETWEEN MOVES THEY CONTEMPLATED AND ACTUAL CONDUCT OF HEARINGS. THEY HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT IT POSSIBLE FOR HEARINGS TO BE HELD DURING RECESS AND URGED THAT THIS BE DONE. AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD HEARD NOTHING ABOUT TIMING OF HEARINGS BUT THAT HE WOULD REPORT THE TURKISH CONCERN TO WASHINGTON. HE HAD RECEIVED NO

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INFORMATION WHICH PRECLUDED HEARINGS DURING RECESS, BUT CON-
RESSVEN MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR THIS PURPOSE
DURING THIS PERIOD.

4. COMMENT: IF REPORT ON TIMING OF HEARINGS CORRECT,
IT IS PROBABLE THAT TURKS WILL RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDE THEY
SHOULD DELAY SOME OF STEPS THEY CONTEMPLATE TAKING SO THAT
THEIR IMPACT WILL NOT BE DISSIPATED BY TIME HEARINGS COMMENCE.
THIS TIMING IS A KEY FACTOR FOR THEM.

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